



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Postsecondary education is increasingly an  
3 essential credential for success in the modern economy; and

4 WHEREAS, Affordability of a college degree is a growing  
5 concern to students, families, and State policymakers; and

6 WHEREAS, The cost of textbooks is a substantial and  
7 escalating burden for students; and

8 WHEREAS, Other states have undertaken legislative and  
9 administrative measures to curtail the rising expense of  
10 textbook purchases; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 the Board of Higher Education, in conjunction with the Illinois  
14 Community College Board and public universities and community  
15 colleges, shall conduct a thorough and comprehensive study of  
16 the cost and feasibility of implementing textbook rental  
17 programs at public universities and community colleges; and be  
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Higher Education shall explore  
20 the feasibility of various funding sources to establish a  
21 revolving fund to finance start-up costs for textbook rental  
22 programs at public universities and community colleges; and be  
23 it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Higher Education shall examine  
25 measures considered or adopted in other states, including the  
26 unbundling of software or other supplementary materials from  
27 the sale of textbooks; the public listing of titles, prices,  
28 and ISBN numbers of required textbooks; and the disclosure of  
29 textbook costs to faculty; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Higher Education shall  
2 investigate the potential for technology to reduce textbook  
3 costs, including online book swaps, an electronic  
4 clearinghouse for the purchase of textbooks, and e-book  
5 alternatives to published textbooks; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Board of Higher Education shall report  
7 its findings and recommendations to the chairpersons of the  
8 Higher Education and Higher Education Appropriations  
9 Committees of the House of Representatives no later than August  
10 1, 2006; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
12 delivered to the Governor, the chairperson of the Board of  
13 Higher Education, the chairperson of the Illinois Community  
14 College Board, and the president of each public university and  
15 community college in this State.